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AT BRIEF TRIPARTITE SESSION FOREIGN MINISTERS THIS AFTERNOON
PRECEDING MEETING HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, MINISTERS REVIEWED
PAPER ON BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING PREPARED EARLIER BY
SPECIAL WORKING GROUP (TEXT IN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM).
MINISTERS AGREED COUVE SHOULD PRESENT CONCLUSIONS OF
PAPER TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

RE PARAGRAPH ON UN ACTION, COUVE MADE POINT THAT DECISION
ON SUBMISSION TO UN COULD ONLY BE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES
AT APPROPRIATE TIME, PARTICULARLY STATE OF PUBLIC OPINION
AND GENERAL ATMOSPHERE. LLOYD NOTED THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD
HAVE TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEY WISHED TO CARRY ACTION OVER
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECRETARY MADE POINT THAT LANGUAGE IN SECTION V RE PLANS
FOR BERLIN AIRLIFT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THAT
DECISION ALREADY TAKEN TO MOUNT SUCH AIRLIFT BUT MERELY
THAT RELEVANT PLANS EXIST.

AS RESULT DISCUSSIONS SECTION IV AND V, MINISTERS AGREED
THEY WOULD RECOMMEND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT APPROVE FURTHER PLANNING
RE INDIRECT COUNTER-MEASURES AND POSSIBLE HARASSMENT OF GERMAN
CIVILIAN ACCESS.

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ALL AGREED WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF FACT THAT WESTERN
POWERS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THEIR CONTINGENCY PLANNING BECAME
PUBLICLY KNOWN.

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